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Books on Tape Update

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Riggers to represent Idaho on National Collection Committee

Fred Riggers, a Talking Book Service patron since 1999, will represent Talking Book patrons in Idaho and the Western United States as a member of the National Library Service's Collection Development Committee.

Both patrons and library staff from Talking Book Libraries serve on this committee. Committee members refine the criteria used for selecting titles to be recorded by the National Library Service. Committee positions are rotated among the states in each of the four Talking Book regions within the United States.

Each May the Committee meets for three days in Washington D.C. to review selection criteria and bring forward suggestions from library staff and users on the value of titles recorded for Talking Book libraries. It's an excellent opportunity to learn more about the National Library Service and its relationship with Talking Book Libraries. It's also a good excuse to explore the nation's



Fred Riggers

capitol! When asked to serve the two-year term, Fred replied he is willing to do anything to help the Talking Book Service.

If you have suggestions or comments regarding selection of titles for Talking Books, please contact the Idaho Talking Book Service at 1-800-458-3271 and staff will pass them on to Fred. You may also contact Fred directly by phone at (208) 376-9185 or by mail in care of Springs of Royal Oaks, Apt. 1208, 1800 N. Cole Road, Boise ID 83704-1312.

Extra 2006 Talking Book Service Calendars Available

The 2006 Talking Book Service Calendars have been mailed to all subscribers. If you have not received your calendar or would like an extra one, please contact the Idaho State Library at 208-334-2150 or 800-458-3271.

This year the calendar's focus is on services for the visually impaired provided by 12 libraries in Idaho.

Order an updated diabetic catalog

The new diabetic catalog offers several new resources. Book descriptions, titles, authors, and book numbers are included.

Titles range from general information, cookbooks, biographies and autobiographies to fiction with diabetic characters, books for younger readers, and Spanish language books.

Order an updated catalog by calling Idaho's Talking Book Service at 334-2150 or call 800-458-3271 outside of the Treasure Valley area.

Order your books online!

Go to www.lili.org/tbs and follow the link to the Talking Book Catalog. After you select books and are ready to check out, the computer will ask for your login and password. If you don't have one yet, call 1-800-458-3271 or e-mail talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov and we will be happy to assist you!



Thank you

Thank you for the following recently received memorials and donations.

In Memoriam:

For Ed Elmore
- Vicki Clayton

For Marjorie Dau
- Birdie West

For Roy Yates
- David L. Woodard

Donations:

- Sherwin & Marien Barton	
- Marien (Sam) Barton	
- Lois Beno	- Estelle Hollibaugh
- Bob Clark	- Harriet Wilkerson
- Doris Halliday	- Dick Messersmith
- Emily Baker	- R. Starr Farish
- Hazel Pace	- Connall J. Kingrey
- George Weick	- Josie Spiers
- Richard Still	- Gwenlee Riedel
- Melvin Snow	- Oriette Sinclair
- Lucile Bickett	- Mabelle English
- Harold Lund	- Berniece Hawker

We would also like to thank all the wonderful people who remembered us during the holidays with cards, homemade fudge and fruit breads, chocolates, and cookies. Our waistlines and hearts are bulging!!!
Thank you all!

Talking Book Advisory Committee completes action plan

After a year of compiling information, reviewing trends, and sharing ideas, the *Idaho State Library's Action Plan for the Talking Book Service, 2006-2008* is complete.

The action plan contains more than 70 activities designed to increase the ability of local libraries to meet the information needs of the print impaired, improve awareness of the Talking Book Service throughout Idaho, and keep both service providers and users abreast of changing ways for the print impaired to access information.

The action plan can be accessed at www.lili.org/tbs/ or requested from the Talking Book Service.

The Talking Book Advisory Committee will continue meeting to monitor the plan and provide input to Talking Book Service staff. The next meeting is scheduled for February 28 at the Idaho State Library.

Volunteer Spotlight: Fred Riddle (A.K.A. Mr. Wizard)

*by Sheila Winther
Volunteer Services
Coordinator*

Fred started volunteering at the library in January 1992 and has since donated nearly 3000 valuable hours. It didn't take long for staff to figure out that if something, either electronic or mechanical, broke Fred was able to repair it. He has fixed everything from squeaky bookcart wheels to the complicated recording equipment in our studio. He usually uses parts he manufactures himself or happens to have in his home workshop.

Fred built several tools including box openers and closers and a cassette re-winder that both staff and volunteers use every day. All this, and I haven't even mentioned that he spends four to six hours per week repairing the Talking Book playback machines.

He is a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, a telephone company community service group that adopted the Talking Book Program nationwide to repair the Talking Book machines.



Fred Riddle

We have been fortunate to have such a generous friend. We also appreciate his wife (or "bride" as he refers to his wife of many years) Ardene, who shares her handy husband with us.

The next time your Talking Book machine needs repair, there is a very good chance that Fred, or one of our other Telephone Pioneers, will fix it. I would be happy to pass on any of your comments to this great guy. How do you thank someone who has given so much? I guess "Thanks Mr. Wizard!" is a start.

New Books from our Studios

Here are some newly recorded titles produced in the studios of the Idaho Talking Book Library. To order, use the yellow order form enclosed in this newsletter or call the Talking Book Library.

Gators & Taters: A Week of Bedtime Stories, VCT-1002

by Elaine Romano

Read by Norma Ericson

1 cassette

Have you ever seen two alligators juggling potatoes with toes and with nose? Here are eight warm and funny stories full of exciting creative imagery and soothing rhythm using lyrical language and captivating scenes to inspire children to wonder about characters, places, and adventures. This is a delightful blend for bedtime reading.

Juvenile Fiction

Three 'R's' the Hard Way: One-Room Schools of Valley County VCT-1003

by Duane Petersen

Read by Norma Ericson

1 cassette

Both former teachers and students contributed their stories of the many one-room schools that have been located in Valley County, Idaho over

the years. In addition, the author has done extensive research to locate and describe these bastions of pioneer education. This is a fascinating look at the joys and hardships of providing scholarship in a new land.

Adult Non-Fiction

New Books from Other Libraries

We've also added some new Spanish-language titles to our IC collection. These are books of local interest recorded by other Talking Book Libraries.

Santitos: Sexo, Humor Y Realism (Esperanza's Box of Saints)

IC-334

by Maria Escandon

Read by Sandy Litschi

2 cassettes

The author has woven an unforgettable, character-rich story with a Latin flavor which takes us on a journey to explore the nature of sin and absolution, the pain of loss, and the resurrection of desire. 2000.

Adult Fiction

Frontera Sur, IC-335

by Horacio Vasquez Rial

Read by Pilar Raymond

4 cassettes

Rich in historical detail, this novel traces the lives of three generations of Spanish immigrants in the underworld of Buenos Aires from 1880 to 1935.

Adult Fiction

Bendita Entre las Mujeres IC-336

by Gregory Sparrow

Read by Sandy Litschi

2 cassettes

This is the first popular book to explore contemporary Marian encounters. It recounts more than 50 dramatic and uplifting stories of encounters with the Virgin Mary and discusses their significance in ways that will inspire people of all spiritual backgrounds.

Adult Non-Fiction

Una Entrega Especial, IC-337

by Danielle Steel

Read by Sandy Litschi

2 cassettes

At 59, entrepreneur and confirmed playboy, Jack Watson becomes attracted to his son's widowed mother-in-law. A romance blossoms overcoming family resistance and yielding an unexpected blessing. Contains explicit descriptions of sex.

Adult Fiction

Milagros de la oracion, IC-338

by Quin Sherrer

Read by Mario Zamora

2 cassettes

This book offers inspirational stories of people who have prayed and have had their prayers answered in extraordinary ways. Spanish version of *Miracles Happen When You Pray: True Stories of the Remarkable Power of Prayer*.

Adult Non-Fiction

Venganza sangrienta, IC-339

by Carolina Garcia-Aquilera

Read by Pilar Raymond

3 cassettes

Sexy Miami detective Lupe Solano is back with another spine-tingling whodunit. This time she's investigating a jeweler who claims he shot a knife-wielding robber in self defense. The only problem is that the robber has six gunshot wounds and the knife is nowhere to be found. Spanish version of *Bloody Shame*.

Adult Fiction

Memorias de Mi Viaja, IC-340

by Olga Torres

Read by Sandy Litschi

1 cassette

This collection of letters from a young Mexican girl to her aunt was first published in 1918 in a Mexican newspaper. Young Olga's observations in her family's trip from Mexico City to Texas are revealing and amusing and present an outsider's view of American cities. In both Spanish and English.

Adult Non-Fiction

Corazon intrepido, IC-341

by Diane Palmer

Read by Pilar Raymond

1 cassette

Up until now, all Janie Brewster's efforts to lasso Leo Hart had crumbled, but this time she had come up with the perfect plan to dazzle him. She's become a courageous cowgirl. Contains some descriptions of sex. Spanish version of *Lionhearted*.

Adult Fiction

Do your tapes sound like the chipmunks?

When the voice on the tape sounds high-pitched and rushed, like chipmunks, this means the tape is running too fast. If this is happening to you, first check your machine's speed selectors. Is the rear rocker switch pressed down to the left, and is the variable speed slider pushed to the left side? Adjusting these may help.

If the tape still runs too fast, take it out and tap it gently on its edge. When replacing the tape in the machine, push only on the two hard corners of the cassette. Do not put your fingers over any of the openings in the tape case. This can push the tape back in the case, causing it to be in the wrong place when you close the cassette door and press play. If the tape is too far back, it will run fast, producing that familiar chipmunk sound. Alvin!!

*Taken from
the Open
Door, the
Iowa
Department
for the Blind
newsletter.*



Book evaluation project moving along

Thank you to the dedicated folks who volunteered to evaluate our VCT (locally produced) collection of Talking Books. These are books about Idaho, the Pacific Northwest or those written by local authors.

So far we have reviewed about half of the items. Wow what an accomplishment! When this project is completed we plan on developing a new catalog of titles including the ones we are currently recording.

We have a number of people helping us and we are charging ahead with this project. It is not too late to get involved! We would like

you to listen to our locally produced books and fill out a short evaluation form about their quality. If you are interested, please call 334-2117 in the Boise area or 1-800-458-3271 and we will mail books to you the next day. After you return one, we will send you another.

If you are not interested in listening to these books for the evaluation process, you can still help! Scout around your house for recorded books with a VCT prefix that you have had out for awhile. Read them first and return them as soon as you are done.



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